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MINUTES OF MEETING – NEWTONVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

DATE: November 4, 2010

PLACE/TIME: City Hall – Room 202, 7:30 PM

ATTENDING: Jim Gross, Chairman
Dave Morton, Member
Nancy Grissom, Member
Barbara Wales, Member
Mark Chudy, Alternate Member
See Attendance List

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with Jim Gross serving as Chairman. Voting permanent members included Morton, Grissom and Wales. Chudy voted in place of Warner. Wales arrived late and did not vote. Katy Holmes served as recording secretary and the meeting was recorded on a H2 Zoom recording device.

10 - 11.1 53 Central Avenue – Certificate of Appropriateness

Judy Fitzgerald, owner of this property, was out of the country at the time of this meeting. Her realtor, Ethan Moehler, attended this meeting and presented this application on the owner's behalf.

Mr. Moehler explained that the owner wished to remove the two chimneys on the house. The fireplace to which one of the chimneys belonged was blocked by a previous owner; and the second chimney served as a vent to the heater, which had been replaced when a power venting system was installed.

A Commission member noted that this particular house was featured on the historic district signs delineating the Newtonville Historic District, but that it just so happened the chimneys did not appear on the image.

List of Materials presented:

Assessor's plan with approximate locations of existing chimneys

Photos of the house exterior, showing chimneys as seen from Central Ave and Turner Street

Grissom made a motion to approve the request to remove two chimneys from the house, since both were no longer functional. Morton seconded the motion and it passed 4-0, with Wales not voting.

10 - 11.2 **Other Business**

Minutes – Commission members Grissom, Morton and Chudy, with a statement provided by Ralph Abele (who attended the October meeting and approved its minutes), voted unanimously to approve the October minutes.

183 Walnut Street

The owners of the house at this address, Mr. and Mrs. Kaltenbach, attended this meeting at the request of this Commission regarding the work being done on their house, seemingly without permits or previous approval of this Commission. A discussion prior to this meeting, between staff and Buddy Lamplough, ISD inspector for this area, confirmed that the current owners were granted a permit for work to replace siding, replace windows, and put on a new roof in March 2002, just months before the Newtonville HDC came into being. The permit had been issued to the owner, not contractors, so that there was no deadline by which the work had to be completed. The owners discussed their project with the Commission and asked for advice on certain construction techniques and materials.

The hearing was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Holmes, Recording Secretary

RECORD OF ACTION

DATE: November 9, 2010

SUBJECT: 53 Central Avenue – Certificate of Appropriateness

At the regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing on November 4, 2010, the Newtonville Historic District Commission, by a vote of 4 to 0, with one member not voting,

RESOLVED to approve the request to remove two chimneys from the house, since neither are functional.

Voting In the Affirmative: Jim Gross Chairman; Dave Morton, Nancy Grissom, Mark Chudy

Not Voting: Barbara Wales

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Holmes, Recording Secretary

